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Specification Amendments

Replace the paragraph between page 10, line 18 and page 11, line 2 with the following:

-- The essential elements of the drive mechanisms which achieve the two courses of motion can be seen in Fig. 2. The first drive motor 1, through the intermediary of the synchronous belt 15 of the synchronous belt pulley 21 and of the transmission 22 achieves the vertical, nonharmonic oscillatory motion of the knife lifting device 2. The knives 3 are pressed against the knife knives 13 during the cutting operation. The second drive motor 4, through the intermediary of a mechanical transmission 14, drives the shafts 5 and 6, so that the belts 7 and 8 of the transport system are moved. The arrows again indicate the product travel direction.--